

## COBB WILL REFEREE IF TERMS PLEASE

Georgia Peach Will Sacrifice Something in Order to Pick Up Loose Change—Hackenschmidt Won't Be Here This Month—Dr. Roller Heads List.

By Cobb, writing to a friend in this city, states that while he is busy right at the present time and would dislike leaving his family, he would nevertheless come to Richmond to referee the proposed exhibition wrestling matches if the terms are satisfactory. Another letter, from Matchmaker Mott, of Knoxville, Tenn., carries the information that while it is practically impossible to secure Hackenschmidt during the month of January, he could promise to bring the big fellow here some time in February.

Hack is going direct West after leaving Philadelphia, and will not stop until he gets to Chicago. He has a number of exhibition matches scheduled, and he wants to take on as many as he possibly can, in order to be in prime condition should Frank Gotch give him a return match. Gotch is now preparing an itinerary which he will cover, but there is little likelihood of his getting to Richmond.

Mott states that he can bring Roller here during the week of January 29, and will also have on his list Evans, Bull and Americans. This trio would probably attract a good crowd, and with the fact that the Georgia Peach will be on hand, so that the baseball fans can get a good look at the premier batsman of the world.

It is by no means certain that the wrestlers will come at all. It may be that the people interested will feel that if they can't get the best in the game they want none, realizing that the people have been taken so much at the sport that they are now a little chary of spending the money until they are shown that the goods will be delivered. Cobb is undoubtedly a big drawing card, but people who pay their money for a chance to look at wrestling, want to see the real fellows, and not mere imitations.

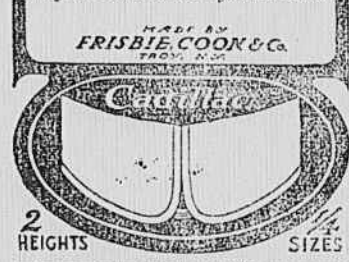
**Promoters Want to Make Money.** Naturally, the promoters are not philanthropists. They have no idea of paying a big price to rent the Academy of Music and then have no audience. Wrestling is in a rather precarious condition in Richmond. The truth has been told about the game, the veil drawn aside, and some of the crooked deals handed the public become known. It didn't require the newspapers to tell it, either. The people who went knew what was coming off, and they were the ones who spread the news, as much as any other agency.

Dr. Roller is a good card, and he is known locally. His recent bouts with Americans, in Baltimore, brought out large crowds in the Monumental City. Evans is a big, husky chap, who has been touring the country, showing how good he can do, with Bull, though highly touted, is something of an unknown quantity. The four, however, ought to make up a most creditable attraction.

**Nothing Spectacular Shown.** In view of the fact that the promoters

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night:

Cedars—Bethel, 1; Carlton, R. E.

Twinning, C. Hope (Walker), L. G.

Guy, R. G.

Field goals—Twining, 1; Carlton, R. E.

Sample, C. Trudell (Seal), L. G.

Jeffers (Neel), R. G.

Throws—Twining, 2; Points awarded

Twining, 1; Referee, E. W. Con-

way. Timer, Perkins. Score, Haw-

Score (end first half), Cedars, 8; Wil-

lows, 4; score (end second half),

Cedars, 15; Wilows, 4.

Synonyms—Lawrence, L. E.; R. Lewis,

Jr.; R. P. Bruce, C. Dunford (Rob-

ertson), L. G.; R. Lewis (C. Wells),

R. G.

Oaks—Skellon, J. F.; Walshall, R. E.

Glazebrook, C. Day (Pillher), L. G.

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## AMUSEMENTS

Academy—*"She Stoops to Conquer."*  
Bijou—*"As the Sun Went Down."*  
Lubin—*"Vaudeville."*

**Clever Play by Amateurs.**  
The Richmond College Dramatic Club will present "She Stoops to Conquer" at the Academy of Music to-night, the cast being one of the best ever trained for an amateur organization. The advance sale of seats and boxes indicates that a large and fashionable audience will greet the performers.

**RAILROAD V. M. C. A. DEFEATS TIMES-DISPATCH BOWLEYS**

True to predictions, the Railroad V. M. C. A. bowling team last night defeated the Times-Dispatch team at the Richmond Bowling Association, though the latter won two out of the three games played. The agreement was upon the fact that the Railroad team was out by 32, following will be found the score of the game.

**Times-Dispatch.**

Players, 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, Total

Whitman, capt., 121 34 131

Baldy 112 154 149

Basin 101 176 179

Bixby 101 176 179

Davis 101 176 179

Handley 101 176 179

701 721 821—2,249

**R. R. V. M. C. A.**

Players, 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, Total

Deary 122 215 133

Cook 100 192 192

Houchins 119 163 193

Jones 122 160 157

Quillard, capt., 115 158 183

698 825 124—2,281

Empire, Keck, Scorer, Nuchols.

**INCREASE IN WAGE SCALE.**

**Voluntary Rate Announced to Roanoke Contractors and Motormen.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Roanoke, Va., January 19.—One hundred motormen and contractors on the Roanoke street railway system have agreed to a wage increase, which becomes effective February 1.

Men in the service one year will receive 20 cents per hour; those two years, 21 cents per hour; and those three years and over, 22 cents per hour.

Men employed on the street lines will get one cent per hour more. The wage scale is now greater than that paid by any company in the city, since it was a voluntary act of the street railway company.

**ELLEN TERRY HONORED**

**Gold Medal Given as Token of Her Service to Dramatic Art.**

New York, January 19.—Miss Ellen Terry, the English actress, was presented to-day by the founders of the New Theatre with a gold medal as a token of gratitude for her life of service to dramatic art.

The gold medal was presented by the founders of the New Theatre, who were held on the stage by the actress. Miss Terry was seated in the center, while grouped about her were men in art and letters. Proceeding the ceremony there was a special performance of "The Merchant of Venice" by the troupe of actors.

"You do not—yet cannot—realize the debt of gratitude which we owe you for your services to the great profession which you have so nobly devoted your life to," said Paul D. Cravath, speaking for the troupe.

He said that her "as proud as Punch," she declared.

After her great appreciation in order to honor conferred upon her by presenting to her the beautiful medal. The actress, who is now in New York, declared that she was "as proud as Punch," she declared.

**SYNDICATE BUBBLE HAS NOW EXPLODED**

**Norfolk Franchise Is Incorporated and Stock Has Been Bought by Norfolk People—Growlers Should Lie Low—Town Will Have Good Baseball.**

**BY GUS MALBERT.**

Ever and anon the growlers deep rumblings of the syndicate bubble, which has been blowing up since the Norfolk Franchise was incorporated, have been heard. The bubble has now exploded, and the growlers should lie low.

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